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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) Case No. 1:22-CR-00240-NODJ  
Plaintiff, )  
vs. ) MOTION TO TERMINATE CJA  
BILLY REO HOWARD, ) APPOINTMENT AND ORDER  
Defendant. )

On September 1, 2022, Defendant BILLY HOWARD was indicted on federal charges. On August 30, 2022, CJA Panel Counsel, Serita Rios, was appointed to represent Mr. Howard in his criminal case. Mr. Howard was sentenced pursuant to a plea agreement on February 12, 2024; Mr. Howard was in custody at sentencing. The time for filing a direct appeal was February 26, 2024, no direct appeal was filed. The trial phase of Mr. Howard's criminal case has, therefore, come to an end. Having completed her representation of Mr. Howard Counsel, Serita Rios, now moves to terminate her appointment under the Criminal Justice Act.

Should Mr. Howard require further legal assistance he has been advised to contact the Office of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California by mail at 2300 Tulare Street, Suite 330, Fresno, CA 93721, or by phone at (559) 487-

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1 5561 (collect) or (855) 656-4360 (toll-free), which, if appropriate, will arrange for the  
2 re-appointment of counsel to assist him.

3 Dated: February 26, 2024

4 */s/ Serita Rios*

5 **Serita Rios**  
6 Attorney for Defendant

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8 **ORDER**

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10 Having found that attorney Serita Rios has completed the services for which  
11 she was appointed, the Court hereby grants Counsel Serita Rios' request for leave to  
12 withdraw as defense counsel in this matter.

13 Should Defendant seek further legal assistance, Defendant is advised to contact  
14 the Office of the Federal Defender for the Eastern District of California at 2300 Tulare  
15 Street, Suite 330, Fresno, CA 93721. The phone number for the office is (559) 487-  
16 5561 (collect) or (855) 656-4360 (toll-free). If appropriate, the office will arrange for  
17 the reappointment of counsel to assist Defendant.

18 The Clerk of Court is directed to serve a copy of this order on Defendant, BILLY  
19 REO HOWARD, at the following address and to update the docket to reflect  
20 Defendant's pro se status and contact information.

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22           Billy Howard, #2324590  
23           Lerdo Pre-Trial Facility  
24           17695 Industrial Farm Road  
25           Bakersfield, CA 93308

26 IT IS SO ORDERED.

27 Dated: February 29, 2024

  
28 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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